MINUTES BRUNSWICK EDC

5 February 2004

Present: Wayne Allgaier, James R. Castle, James Gangawere, Judy Cheng, Toni Morgan, Ken Ebmeier

Minutes from last month's meeting had been previously approved (by e-mail).

New businesses in town:

Space previously occupied by Frederick Underwriters may have new tenant soon. Opening of Beans in the Belfry to be delayed.

Status of "Welcome Baskets": No report

Status of **Resource Guide**: Work in progress. No new developments to report.

Business Breakfast:

- January meeting at Pacific Café: 35 attendees, good newspaper coverage.
- Next meeting: February 20 at Pacific Café. Two speakers: Katherine Iachovelli (from SBA) and Rich Robertson (from SCORE). Start at 7:30 with breakfast and introductions, speakers have 30 minutes each end by 9:00 am.

Potomac Valley Heritage Trail: Wayne reports that Lee Zumbach keeps in touch by email and continues his interest in this project. (Lee has another meeting on Thursday nights that conflicts with EDC.)

Activities for Community Pride Month (April):

- Painting of wall at Square Corner park
- Painting of wall at Commuter Parking Lot
- Replacing of inkberry bushes at Commuter Parking Lot that have died or were destroyed when wall collapsed. Jim Castle will look into prices.
- Bring other ideas for Community Pride Month to our next meeting.

EDC budget for FY2005: Will depend on our acceptance into Main Street Maryland. Will discuss at next meeting.

Things that need to be done in preparation of **Main Street Maryland** application:

- Getting <u>letters of support</u> from businesses in town, local citizens, and corporations. Since our last meeting (one week ago), letters of support with pledges in the amount of \$1000 per year for four years have been obtained.
- <u>Presentation to City Council</u> next week (Feb 10). Special meeting of EDC on Feb 16 to put <u>final touches on application</u>.
- <u>City Council to vote</u> on this issue on Feb 24.

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Jim Castle reports favorable meeting with the **National Park Service** earlier today. They are supportive or our Main Street Application.

Report from Fred. Co. OED (Jim Gangawere):

- DBED has been divided into three regions in the state. Frederick, Montgomery, and P.G. Counties make up one region.
- Economic Development Days will be March 11, to include a visit from OED to Brunswick.

Next meeting: Thursday, March 4, 7:30 pm.

Wayne Allgaier Chairman